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This book is a tribute to all the young people raising their voices, saying no to opression, and taking part of a historic revolution in an effort to rebuild our country, Lebanon! Always remember,

True power is ALWAYS with the people.

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BEIRUT
بيروت

This book was designed in an effort to relive the Golden days of old Beirut that have been witnessed in the 40s, 50s, 60s, and beginning of the 70s before civil war criminals burned down the country into ashes.

This picture from the 1950s shows a typical taxi ride in Beirut, known as 'service', that is still the most famous form of informal cab sharing until today. The driver typically picks up commuters from the street if he finds that their destination fits his route.

TAXI DRIVERS IN BEIRUT ARE USUALLY THE BEST STORYTELLERS, THEY KNOW THE CITY CORNER BY CORNER, AND ARE KEEN ON PROVIDING A NOSTALGIC DIVE INTO THE MAGNIFICENT PAST.

IN THE 1950S, A SUDDEN INFLUX OF FOREIGN MONEY LED TO THE CREATION OF THE MIDDLE EAST'S VERY OWN PIECE OF LA DOLCE VITA ON THE MEDITERRANEAN. NEW FIVE-STAR HOTELS SPRANG UP ON THE AIN EL MREISSE SEAFRONT, NIGHTCLUBS MOVED INTO RUE DE PHENICIE AND RESTAURANTS OPENED TO SERVE THE CELEBRITIES AND ROYALS THAT BEGAN ARRIVING.

Pico street 1974 | ١٩٧٤ شارع بيكو

One of the most iconic buildings in Beirut from the sixties - Koujak-Jaber Building 1967

إحدى أجمل معالم بيروت من الستينات - مبنى كوجاك جابر ١٩٦٧

The well-known Spinneys supermarket in the 50s
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"العالم راح عالقمر ونحن بعدنا هون"

This is a common saying amongst Lebanese people to explain that other countries have advanced so much, while as we are still thinking backwards. Ironically the Lebanese people have attempted to launch a rocket into space in the early 50s.

"People have been to the moon, and here we are."

HAMRA ST.
شارع الحمرا

ON HAMRA STREET, INTELLECTUALS FROM THE NEARBY AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT AND LEFTIST POLITICIANS AND ACTIVISTS WOULD ARGUE AND PLAN OVER COUNTLESS CIGARETTES IN THE DOZENS OF CAFES ESTABLISHED IN THE '50S AND '60S.

Hamra street, 1974 | شارع الحمرا ١٩٧٤

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THE MOST POPULAR ONES – CAFE WIMPY, THE HORSESHOE, CAFE DE PARIS – HAVE SINCE BEEN TURNED INTO MULTINATIONAL CHAINS, BUT WHAT IS STILL ONE OF BEIRUT'S MOST VITAL THOROUGHFARES REMAINS LINED WITH AL FRESCO SMOKERS AND ESPRESSO DRINKERS.

Hamra Main street 1974 | ١٩٧٤ شارع الحمرا الرئيسي

BEFORE THE LEBANESE CIVIL WAR, HAMRA STREET WAS KNOWN AS BEIRUT'S "CHAMPS ELYSÉES" AS IT WAS FREQUENTED BY TOURISTS ALL YEAR ROUND. BEIRUT'S PICCADILLY THEATRE WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR THEATERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Dalida in Hamra, Piccadilly street, Beirut, 1971

داليدا فى شارع الحمرا فى بيروت عام ١٩٧١

50S
60S
70S

The Tramway passing through Bliss street

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"يلا نلتقي ع المحطة"

"Let's meet at the station."

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WRITE YOUR BEST MEMORY OF HAMRA STREET اكتب أجمل ما تتذكر/ي من شارع الحمرا

RECLAIMING AN ORIGINATION

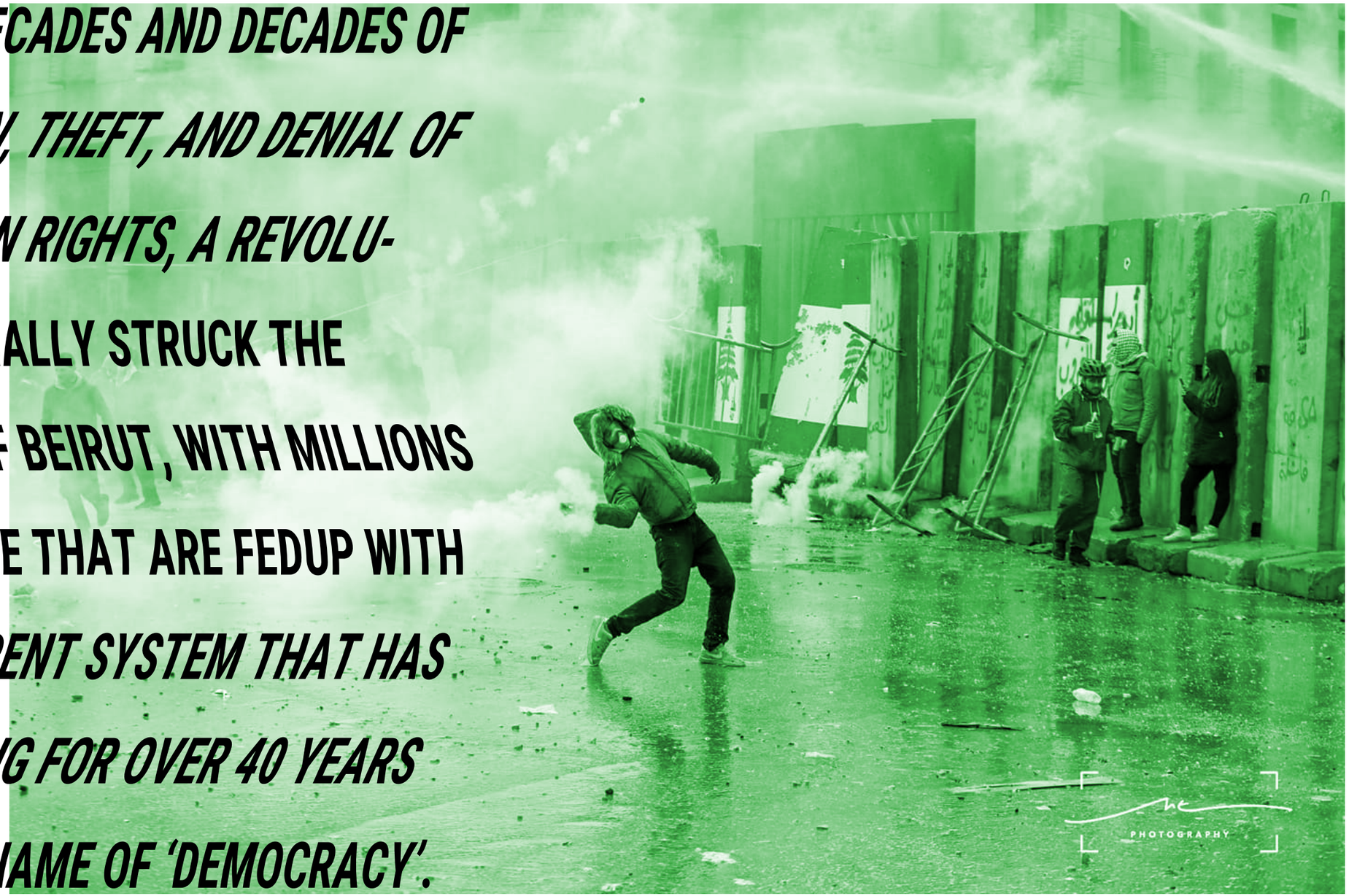
عذراً قد انخطف
بث أيام الكولو

NO SIGNAL

AFTER DECADES AND DECADES OF OPRESSION, THEFT, AND DENIAL OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, A REVOLU-

TION HAS FINALLY STRUCK THE STREETS OF BEIRUT, WITH MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE FEDUP WITH

THE CURRENT SYSTEM THAT HAS BEEN RULING FOR OVER 40 YEARS UNDER THE NAME OF 'DEMOCRACY'.



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SEA SIDE

المنطقة البحرية

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IN THE FIFTIES, BEIRUT ENTERED ITS GOLDEN ERA. LUXURY HOTELS OPENED ON THE BEACHES OF THE AIN EL MREISSEH NEIGHBORHOOD.

ON THE NEARBY RUE DE PHÉNICIE, AN ASSORTMENT OF NIGHTCLUBS SPRUNG UP, CHIC WATERING HOLES WHERE ONE MIGHT SPOT A MOVIE STAR, FOREIGN CELEBRITY, OR OIL MILLIONAIRE.

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THE SAINT GEORGE WAS THE FIRST BEACH CLUB TO OPEN ON THE COAST OF BEIRUT IN THE 1930S, AND ITS ATTACHED HOTEL WAS HOST TO BEIRUT'S MOST RECOGNIZABLE TOURISTS, INCLUDING BARDOT, PETER O'TOOLE (ON BREAKS FROM FILMING "LAWRENCE OF ARABIA" IN JORDAN), EGYPT'S KING FAROUK AND MANY MORE.

Saint-George Hotel in the 60s
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فى الستينات

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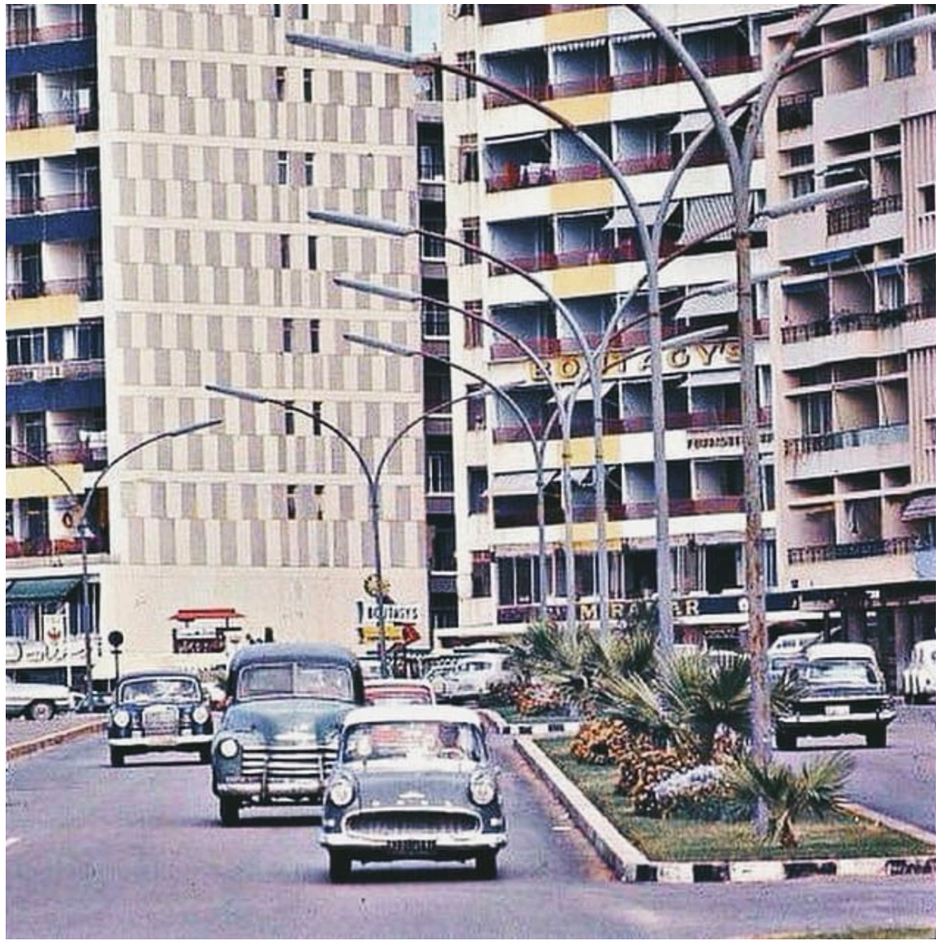

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WRITE YOUR BEST MEMORY OF SEASIDE AREA

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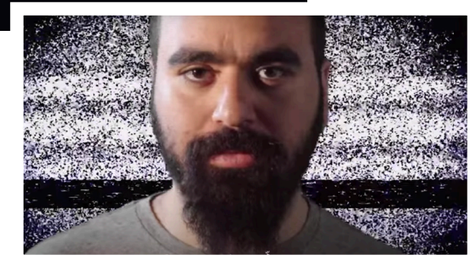

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